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VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SENGHOR DISCUSSED HIS REACTIONS TO JUST-
COMPLETED MIDDLE EAST TRIP IN NOV 22 MEETING WITH TREASURY,
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CONGRESSIONAL AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES. HE EXPRESSED

ADMIRATION FOR JEWISH PEOPLE AND JUDAISM AND RECALLED SENEGAL'S
OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL'S DESTRUCTION OR EXPULSION FROM UN.
HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH ARABS' MODERATION AND
REASONABLENESS. HE REITERATED CALL FOR ISRAEL TO ENTER INTO
DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL NEIGHBORS AND WITH PALESTINIANS,
LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN STATE CONFEDERATED
WITH ISRAEL. HE SAID SENEGAL VIEWED UN RESOLUTION CALLING ZIONISM
FORM OF RACISM AS DIRECTED AGAINST IDEOLOGY OF TERRITORIAL
EXPANSION, NOT AGAINST JEWS OR JUDAISM. END SUMMARY.

1. TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LED BY TREASURY DEPUTY
SECRETARY GARDNER AND ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED BY
PRESIDENT SENGHOR NOV 22 FOR WIDE-RANGING SESSION WHICH
LASTED OVER ONE HOUR. HAVING RETURNED ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE FROM
HIS FOUR-WEEK VISIT TO NINE ARAB COUNTRIES, SENGHOR
INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF MIDDLE EAST AND DEVOTED SUBSTANTIAL
PORTION OF MEETING TO IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF SENEGAL'S POSITION.
HE PREFACED AND CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS ON MIDDLE EAST BY
EMPHASIZING COMPLETE HONESTY AND FRANKNESS WITH WHICH HE WAS
SPEAKING. HE NOTED THAT, WHILE DIFFERENCES AROSE OCCASIONALLY
BETWEEN GOS AND US, SAME THING OCCURRED IN SENEGAL'S
RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. (HE REMARKED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT
POMPIDOU HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY IN AGREEMENT ON MATTERS AFFECTING
BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT SAID SINCE POMPIDOU'S DEATH FRENCH
MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS VIOLATED ENGAGEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE
RESPECTED.)

2. SENGHOR EXPLAINED AFRICA FELT SENSE OF SOLIDARITY WITH
ARABS SINCE THERE WERE TWO AFRICA PEOPLES: ARAB-BERBERS AND
NEGRO AFRICANS. HE POINTED OUT THAT TWO-THIRDS OF ARAB SPEAKERS
WERE AFRICANS. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT SENEGAL WAS NOT AGAINST
ISRAEL, JEWISH PEOPLE OR JUDAISM. HE SAID THAT SENEGAL HAD
ALWAYS REFUSED TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN
AND CLAIMED SENEGAL ALSO FAVORED CONTINUED SOUTH AFRICAN UN
MEMBERSHIP, IN SPITE OF "RACIST PERSECUTION," BECAUSE
SENEGAL BELIEVED IN IMPORTANCE OF UNIVERSALITY.

3. SENGHOR RECALLED
LEADING 1971 OAU WISE MEN'S MISSION TO
MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID PARTICIPANTS HAD TRIED TO ENCOURAGE
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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. AFTER LISTENING TO
BOTH SIDES, MISSION HAD ASKED ISRAEL TO MAKE DECLARATION OF
NONANNEXATION, TO TAKE PLACE AFTER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. 4 ARAB
TERRITORIES WOULD HAVE BEEN EVACUATED BY ISRAEL AFTER PEACE
TREATY SIGNED. HOWEVER, GOLDA MEIR REFUSED TO SIGN
DECLARATION, LEADING ULTIMATELY TO OCTOBER WAR. SHE SAID SINCE 1971
HE HAD KEPT IN TOUCH WITH JEWS AS WELL AS ARABS, AND WAS
CONVINCED THAT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED

BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ALL ITS NEIGHBORS
AND WITH PALESTINIANS. HE SAID JEWS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED RIGHT TO BE
WHERE THEY ARE, BUT APBS ALSO HAD RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR OWN TERRITORY.
ARAB PALESTINIAN STATE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON WEST BANK AND
GAZA STRIP, TO BE EVENTUALLY CONFEDERATED OR FEDERATED WITH
ISRAEL. HE FELT WORLD RISKED THIRD WORLD WAR IF PALESTINIAN
STATE NOT CREATED. ONLY USSR STOOD TO GAIN FROM PRESENT
UNSTABLE SITUATION. DURING PAST TWO YEARS, SENGHOR SAID HE HAD
HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH PALESTINIANS IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN THEIR
ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL WITHOUT PRE-
CONDITIONS. HE FINALLY RECEIVED SUCH ASSURANCE FROM YASSIR ARAFAT
IN JULY. HE THEN MET ON AUGUST 13 IN PARIS WITH ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR BEN NATHAN WHO RESPONDED THA ISRAEL COULD NOT NEGOTIATE
WITH PLO MURDERERS. SENGHOR SAID HE REPLIED THAT IN WAR, SOMEONE
IS ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE'S MURDERER.

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4. DURING JUST-COMPLETED MIDDLE EAST TRIP, SENGHOR SAID HE HAD SPENT FOUR HOURS WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD AND TWO WITH ARAFAT. HE SAID HE WAS STRUCK THROUGHOUT HIS TRIP BY MODERATION AND REASONABLENESS OF ARABS. ARAB LEADERS READILY AGREED TO CHANGE LANGUAGE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO WHICH HE OBJECTED. ALL THEY WANT IS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND, AFTER NEGOTIATIONS, RETREAT BY ISRAEL IN ORDER TO ALLOW CREATION OF ARAB PALESTINIAN STATE SIDE BY SIDE WITH STATE OF ISRAEL. SOLE THING ARABS WILL
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NOT ACCEPT IS TERRITORIAL EXPANSION BY ISRAEL.

5. NOTING FRANKNESS WITH WHICH HE WAS SPEAKING, SENGHOR ACKNOWLEDGED SENEGAL DID NOT AGREE WITH US ON RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ZIONISM WAS FORM OF RACISM. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT SENEGAL HAD REFUSED TO DEMAND ISRAELI DESTRUCTION OR EXPULSION FROM UN. (HE SAID NEW YORK TIMES HAD CREDITED SENEGAL WITH TURNING TIDE OF BATTLE AGAINST ARAB'S EXPULSION EFFORTS). STRESSING HIS OWN FAMILY AND SOCIAL LINKS WITH JEWS, HE SAID SENEGAL SUPPORTED JUDAISM, WHOSE VALUES WERE NECESSARY FOR CIVILIZATION.
WHAT SENEGAL OPPOSED WAS TRANSFORMATION OF ZIONISM INTO IDEOLOGY OF TERRITORIAL EXTENSION. IT WAS, SENGHOR SAID, THIS IDEOLOGY AGAINST WHICH UN RESOLUTION WAS DIRECTED.

6. PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LONG STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST CAME AS END OF ONE HOUR APPOINTMENT. GARDNER IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, AND SPEAKING "AS ONE WITH FINANCIAL BACKGROUND AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN TREASURY," DREW ATTENTION TO INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE OF WORLD AND FRAGILE BALANCE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS WHICH COULD, IF UPSET, AFFECT WHOLE WORLD. HE SUGGESTED AS AN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTER THAT POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS HAD NEVER HAD MORE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

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